THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) A Doordarshan Broadcast Code already exists and all programmes telecast on Television by Doordarshan are governed by it. Doordarshan strictly abides by the provisions of Indecent Representation of Women Act, 1986, while telecasting its programmes. Doordarshan also follows the Code, which ensures that no advertisement has indecent, vulgar, suggestive, repulsive or offensive themes or treatment. The programmes of foreign satellite channels are uplinked from outside the country and, therefore, do not fall under the ambit of Indian laws; unless decoders are required for their reception. To bring the foreign satellite channels within the ambit of Indian laws, programme codes and standards, a comprehensive legislation is proposed for regulating private broadcasting in the country. Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 is also proposed to be amended in order to achieve uniform applicability of Programme and Advertisement Codes on all satellite channels.

All films, including advertisement films intended for public exhibition in India and required to be certified by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) in accordance with the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the guidelines thereunder. CBFC, while examining films for certification, ensures, inter-alia, that human sensibilities are not offended by vulgarity, obscenity, depravity, sex and violence.

In so far as the Print Media is concerned, the Government does not interfere in matters relating to the Press. The Press Council of India is a statutory authority established for preserving the freedom of the Press and for maintaining and improving the standards of newspapers and news agencies in India.

Shifting of office of Doordarshan News

†849. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the office of Doordarshan News has been shifted from Akashvani Bhawan to some other place;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the details of the amount spent of shifting of the office?

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The office of Doordarshan News, New Delhi has been shifted to Central Production Centre, Doordarshan, Asiad Village, New Delhi.

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that an amount of Rs. 2.14 Lakhs was spent on the shifting of this office on account of transportation, refixing of technical furniture items and the casual labour engaged for the job.

Serials Produced by Relatives of former Employees of Doordarshan

†850. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of serials produced by the relatives of employees and former employees of Doordarshan, together with the amount spent thereon during the last three years;

(b) the names of the officers who have accorded sanction in this regard;

(c) whether these serials were produced actually or the Government's funds have been wasted thereon; and

(d) whether he will conduct an enquiry in this regard, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Recommedations made by Shanu Sen Committee

851. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations made by the Shanu Sen Committee on restructuring Prasar Bharati;

(b) the suggestions given for downsizing Prasar Bharati; and

(c) the employees' reaction thereto?

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